

**Amendment to the Specification**

1) Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 24, within the Abstract with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~The invention relates to a~~ A preservative and a process for the preparation of a preservative with reduced formaldehyde emission which comprises:

- a) at least one formal ~~and; and~~
- b) at least one emission-reducing additive which is ~~chosen~~ selected from urea, urea derivatives, amino acids, guanidine and guanidine derivatives, and where wherein the preservative:
  - (i) comprises no iodopropynyl compound; and
  - (ii) no derivative of 1H-benzimidazol-2-carbamic acid

~~and to a process for the preparation of the preservative and to the use of the preservative in a technical product.~~ --

2) Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, lines 5 -12, within the Specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to the invention, it has now been found that this object is achieved by a preservative according to ~~Claim 1~~, which comprises a) at least one formal and b) at least one emission-reducing additive which is chosen from urea, urea derivatives, amino acids, guanidine and guanidine derivatives, and where the preservative (i) comprises no iodopropynyl compound and (ii) no derivative of 1H-benzimidazol-2-ylcarbamic acid.